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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ALAN OLSON**, on January 8, 2007 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Olson, Chairman (R)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Diane Rice (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Cindy Peterson, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearings: HB 27; HB 123; HB 134
Executive Action:

00:00:02 Chairman Olson

HEARING ON HB 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:09 Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D), HD 51

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:50 Cheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:07:09 Ed Tinsley, Lewis and Clark County and MACo

00:08:36 Cliff Christian, American Stroke Association and
American Heart Association

EXHIBIT (feh04a01)

00:10:19 Lisa Durand, Manager, Flathead County 911 Center

EXHIBIT (feh04a02)

00:14:04 Captain Butch Huseby, Montana Highway Patrol

00:14:28 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:15:29 Jim Kimble, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police

00:15:48 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers
Association

00:17:24 Michael Strand, Montana Independent Telecommunications
Systems

EXHIBIT (feh04a03)

00:23:37 Margaret Morgan, ALLTEL Communications

EXHIBIT (feh04a04)

00:25:41 Aimee Grmoljez, Verizon Wireless.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:29:12__Dennis Lopatch, Tracfone

00:31:17 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association.

EXHIBIT (feh04a05)

Informational Testimony:

00:35:20 Jeff Brandt, Deputy Chief Information Officer,
Department of Administration.

EXHIBIT (feh04a06)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:57 Rep. Driscoll

HEARING ON HB 123

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:08 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:28 Brad Molnar, Commissioner, Montana Public Service
Commission

Opponents' Testimony:

00:49:50 Greg Jergeson, Chairman, Montana Public Service
Commission
00:56:21 Chuck Magraw, Natural Resources Defense Council
00:59:15 Patrick Judge, Montana Environmental Information Center
01:01:30 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:44 Rep. Windy Boy
01:04:22 Commissioner Jergeson
01:05:18 Rep. Gallik
01:06:39 Rep. Lange
01:12:31 Rep. Groesbeck
01:13:32 Rep. Lange
01:16:02 Rep. Groesbeck
01:16:12 Commissioner Jergeson
01:18:43 Rep. Gallik
01:19:22 Mr. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:41 Rep. Lange

HEARING ON HB 134

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:22:24 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55

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Proponents' Testimony:

01:26:49 Brad Molnar, Commissioner, Montana Public Service
Commission

01:32:54 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

Opponents' Testimony:

01:39:13 Greg Jergeson, Chairman, Montana Public Service
Commission

01:44:54 Joe Mazurek, City of Great Falls

01:49:27 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

01:55:04 Dave Kelsey, Yellowstone Valley Electric

01:57:58 Candace Payne, SME _____

Informational Testimony:

01:59:55 Rep. Wayne Stahl

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:04:07 Rep. Gallik

02:05:44 Commissioner Jergeson

02:07:20 Rep. Gallik

Closing by Sponsor:

02:08:29 Rep. Lange

ADJOURNMENT

02:11:16 Adjournment: 5:10 P.M.

REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

AO/cp

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([feh04aad.pdf](#))